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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Assistant Vice Director for Collection  
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Department of Defense  
Principal Advisor for Prisoner of War  
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(International Security Affairs)  
Director, Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea  
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs  
Department of State

**SUBJECT :** Observation of U.S. Helicopter Crash Site in  
Quang Tri Area; Finding of U.S. Identification  
Tags

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

1. Attached as of possible interest to you is a report  
[REDACTED] on the observation of a U.S. Helicopter crash site  
and the finding of U.S. identification tags in the Quang Tri area  
of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Deputy Director for Operations

cc: DCI  
DDCI  
EXEC DIR  
STATE/EAP  
DIA  
WIO/EAP  
NSA

Attachment: Report as stated

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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TEXT: 1. In October 1982 [REDACTED] discovered the crash site of a U.S. helicopter in the Quang Tri area of Binh Tri Thien Province in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV) and collected two metal identification tags from the wreckage. The crash site was located about a two-hour walk in a generally westerly direction from an abandoned hamlet. The hamlet was a seven- to eight-hour walk from My Chanh Town on Route 1, south of Quang Tri City, along a rural road which ran westward from the town. The helicopter was small with landing pads instead of wheels, probably a UH-1. The tail was completely broken and the underbelly of the helicopter was crushed so that the windows were at the chest level of a man 1.60 meters tall. Vegetation covered the aircraft completely. [REDACTED] only collected two metal identification tags which dangled from the side windows of the helicopter.

2. [REDACTED] Comment: ] The [REDACTED] men actually stumbled upon the crash site when they got lost while exploring for old military scrap metal to sell. At the time they sited the helicopter it was nearing night-time and the men were anxious to find their way back to a familiar area. Therefore, they did not explore the helicopter or observe whether any pilot remains were in the craft.)

3. The men held the identification tags in hopes of receiving a reward from the U.S. Government once they fled the SRV; however, these tags were not in the possession of the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

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